

## NCTC Training Announcement

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### **Early Detection Surveillance for Avian Influenza: What FWS Field Staff Need to Know** NCTC course #CSP3170

Interactive Television Workshop (ITV) & Simultaneous Webcast

**June 29, 2006 1:30 – 4:30 PM (Eastern Time)**

#### **Instructors**

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#### **What is the Purpose of the Workshop?**

The highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), H5N1, is a concern for wild bird populations and it is important that FWS field personnel be prepared to conduct early detection surveillance and understand their role in national preparedness and response planning. The National Park Service conducted an ITV workshop, Avian Mortality Surveillance: Getting Your Ducks in a Row To Prepare for H5N1 (March 16, 2006), which provided agency personnel with the opportunity to learn what is involved in investigating unusual morbidity and mortality events. This June 29 workshop continues from that point to prepare FWS field personnel for other aspects of early detection and provides an update on the spread of H5N1. As a result of this workshop, participants will have a clear understanding of what their involvement may be in avian influenza early detection surveillance, field procedures, appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), and what steps they need to take now.

#### **Who Should Participate?**

The intended audience is FWS field personnel, including refuge biologists, migratory bird program biologists, contaminants specialists and others who may be involved in the national surveillance and/or response to A.I.. Others may benefit from this training in terms of a general awareness of the responsibilities and techniques that the FWS is using.

#### **How Do I Register to Participate?**

Additional information and online registration for DOI employees is available at:

<https://doilearn.doi.gov/> Once you have entered the website, log on with your username and password. On the next screen, click on the blue “Course Catalog” tab. In the search box, enter the key word “Avian”. Click on the course, “Avian Disease”. Enter ‘zeros’ in the three boxes that collect cost information. Then select “Agency” from the drop down menu for funding source. Click on the box that says “Preview Schedule”. On the next screen, click on the word “Apply” at the far right box under “Options”. When the Options box changes to “Request to Drop / Print SF-182” your registration is complete. You and your supervisor will get a confirmation email.

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